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Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Status of documentation

Note by the Secretariat

1. In accordance with paragraph 8 of the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX), the fifty-eighth session of the Committee for Programme and Coordination is tentatively scheduled to be held at Headquarters from 4 to 29 June 2018.

2. In its resolution 1988/77 on its revitalization, the Council reiterated that the Secretariat should circulate relevant documentation in all working languages six weeks before the opening of the sessions of the Council and its subsidiary organs.

3. In its resolution 53/208 B on the pattern of conferences, the General Assembly: (a) reiterated its request to the Secretary-General to ensure that documents were available in accordance with the six-week rule for their distribution simultaneously in the six official languages; (b) reaffirmed its decision that, if a report was issued late, the reasons for the delay should be indicated when the report was introduced; and (c) decided that, if a report was submitted late to the conference services, the reasons for the delay should be included in a footnote to the document.

4. In section IV of its resolution 64/230 on the pattern of conferences, the General Assembly expressed deep concern at the unprecedented high level of late submission of documentation, which, in turn, had a negative impact on the functioning of intergovernmental bodies, and, reiterating its request in its subsequent resolutions on the pattern of conferences, the latest of which was resolution 72/19, urged author departments to fully adhere to deadlines in meeting the goal of 90 per cent submission compliance.

5. Also in its resolutions on the pattern of conferences, the General Assembly reiterated its request that the Secretary-General direct all departments of the Secretariat to include the following elements in their reports:

* **The dates for the substantive session are tentative.**
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(a) A summary of the report;

(b) Consolidated conclusions, recommendations and other proposed actions;

(c) Relevant background information.

6. In those same resolutions, the General Assembly also reiterated its request that all documents submitted to legislative organs by the Secretariat and expert bodies for consideration and action have conclusions and recommendations in bold print.

7. In section IV, paragraph 66 of its resolution 72/19 on the pattern of conferences, the General Assembly reaffirmed its decision in section III, paragraph 9, of its resolution 59/265 that the issuance of documents in all six official languages on planning, budgetary and administrative matters requiring urgent consideration by the General Assembly should be accorded priority.

Annex

Status of preparedness of documentation for the fifty-eighth session of the Committee for Programme and Coordination

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2.	**Adoption of the agenda and organization of work**			
	E/AC.51/2018/1	Annotated provisional agenda		
	E/AC.51/2018/L.1	Note by the Secretariat: status of documentation		
	E/AC.51/2018/L.2	Note by the Secretariat: reports of the Joint Inspection Unit (Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) and General Assembly resolution 59/267)		
3.	**Programme questions**			
(a)	**Programme performance**			
	Programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 2016–2017			
	A/72/___	Report of the Secretary-General on the programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 2016–2017		
(b)	**Programme planning**			
	See E/AC.51/2018/1, sect. 3, programme questions			
(c)	**Evaluation**			
	E/AC.51/2018/___	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of the recommendations from the programme evaluation of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (General Assembly resolution 70/8)		
	E/AC.51/2018/___	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of the recommendations from the programme evaluation of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (General Assembly resolution 70/8)		
	E/AC.51/2018/___	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of the recommendations from the programme evaluation of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (General Assembly resolution 70/8)		

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	E/AC.51/2018/___	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of the recommendations from the programme evaluation of the International Trade Centre (General Assembly resolution 70/8)		
	E/AC.51/2018/___	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of the recommendations from the programme evaluation of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (General Assembly resolution 70/8)		
	E/AC.51/2018/___	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of the recommendations from the programme evaluation of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (General Assembly resolution 70/8)		
	E/AC.51/2018/___	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of the recommendations from the programme evaluation of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (General Assembly resolution 70/8)		
4.	**Coordination questions**			
(a)	**Report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination**			
	E/2018/__	Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2017 (Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX))		
(b)	**New Partnership for Africa's Development**			
	E/AC.51/2018/___	Report of the Secretary-General on United Nations system support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development (General Assembly resolution 59/275)		
5.	**Report(s) of the Joint Inspection Unit**			
	See E/AC.51/2018/L.2			
6.	**Provisional agenda for the fifty-ninth session**			
	E/AC.51/2018/L.3	Note by the Secretariat: provisional agenda and documentation for the fifty-ninth session of the Committee (Economic and Social Council resolution 1894 (LVII))		
	E/AC.51/2018/L.4 and addenda	Draft report of the Committee		